Minimum wages for agricultural workers

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different daily wages are paid to agricultural labourers in different States;

(b) if so, the average daily wages prevailing in each State;

(c) whether daily wages for the labourers have been fixed at national level; and

(d) if so, the rate of daily wages in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The minimum wages of the workers engaged in the scheduled employments are fixed by both the Central and the State Government under provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Agriculture is a scheduled employment both in the central and the State spheres. A Statement showing the rates of minimum wages of agricultural workers in different State/Union Territories enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) In the absence of uniformity in minimum wages throughout the country, the central Govenment introduced national floor level wage and fixed it at Rs. 35/- per day based on the recommendation of the National Commission on Rural Labour (1991) and subsequent increase in the price level. The national floor level wage was last revised to Rs. 45/- per day w.e.f. 1.12.99 on the basis of increase in the Consumer Price Index. The State/U.Ts. have been requested to ensure that in none of their scheduled employments, the minimum wage is below the national floor level wage.

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Statement

Daily Rates of Minimum wages for Agricultural workers in Different States/UTs Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948

(As on 01.10.200)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Minimum wages for unskilled agricultural workers
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 52.00 to Rs. 55.50 p.d. (According to Zones)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 39.87 to 42.11.p.d. (According to Areas)
3.	Assam	Rs. 45.00 p.d.*without food, shelter and clothing Rs. 38.60 p.d. plus food, shelter and clothing
4.	Bihar	Rs. 37.88 p.d.*
5.	Goa	Rs. 58.00 p.d.
6.	Gujarat	Rs. 50.00 p.d.
7.	Haryana	Rs. 74.6† p.d.*
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 51.00 p.d.
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	Rs. 45.00 p.d.
10.	Karnataka	Rs. 51.63 p.d.
11.	Kerala	Rs. 30.00 p.d. for light work Rs. 40.20 p.d. for hard work
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 51.80 p.d.*
13.	Maharashtra	Not Available
14.	Manipur	Rs. 62.15 p.d.* For Valley Areas Rs. 65.15 p.d. For Hill Areas
15.	Meghalaya	Rs. 50.00 p.d.*
16.	Mizoram	Rs. 70.00 p.d.
17.	Nagaland	Rs. 45.00 p.d.
18.	Orissa	Rs. 42.50 p.d.*

(1)	(2)	(3)
19.	Punjab	Rs. 72.38 p.d.* with meal Rs. 82.08 without meal
20.	Rajasthan	Rs. 60.00 p.d.
21.	Sikkim	The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 yet to be extended.
22.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 54.00 p.d.
23.	Tripura	Rs. 45.00 p.d.
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 58.00 p.d.*
25.	West Bengal	Rs. 58.90 p.d.* (with meals) Rs. 62.10 p.d. (without meals)
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Rs. 70.00 p.d. (Andaman) Rs. 75.00 p.d. (Nicobar)
27.	Chandigarh	Rs. 81.65 p.d.
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 60.00 p.d.*
29.	Delhi	Rs. 102.60 p.d.*
30.	Lakshadweep	Rs. 46.80 pd.*
31.	Pondicherry	
	(i) Pondicherry Region	Rs. 20.00 to Rs. 22.00 p.d.
	(ii) Mahe Region	Rs. 30.00 p.d. for light work Rs. 40.20 p.d. for hard work
	(iii) Yanam Region	Rs. 19.25 to Rs. 26.25 p.d.
	(iv) Karaikal	Rs. 20.00 to Rs. 22.00 p.d.
	CENTRAL SPHERE	Rs. 86.63 to* Rs. 129.93 p.d.

Note:— (1) The Minimum Wages also include the variable dearness allowance, wherever provided.

(2) Indicate the provision of variable dearness allowance with the minimum rate of wages.